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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence  
Community  
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency  
Director, National Security Agency  
Director, National Reconnaissance Office  
Director of Intelligence and Research,  
Department of State  
Deputy to the Special Assistant for  
National Security, Treasury Department  
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Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence,  
Department of the Army  
Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,  
Department of the Air Force

SUBJECT : DCI Study Memorandum #4; Intelligence  
Posture Statement

1. I would like to explore the desirability and feasibility of issuing an annual classified and unclassified intelligence posture statement. The objective would be to provide a common basis for the subsequent development of budgets and departmental posture statements. I recognize that intelligence is an ever changing matter and that such a document might become badly outdated before its successor is issued - this would have to be taken into account. On the other hand, on neither a classified nor an unclassified basis is such information brought together even annually today.

2. Please conduct a study to determine whether the President's and the Secretary of Defense's posture statements (and any others) do not already contain much of the information that would go into

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an intelligence posture statement; to assess whether the information that could be compiled and published in an unclassified statement would add substantially to the purpose of public debate on major national issues; to assess whether a series of "white papers" on specific issues of national interest might be a preferable way of disseminating classified and unclassified intelligence to the appropriate audiences; and to consider, if possible, overlap for duplication with existing publications such as the DIP.

3. The Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community is requested to chair a committee with the other addressees participating in order to conduct this study. The report should be submitted by 1 May 1977.

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